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**City Accepts Donation Check for Radio Communication System at Southeast Polk Junior & Senior High Schools**

**PLEASANT HILL, Iowa** – City of Pleasant Hill Mayor Sara Kurovski, along with City Manager Don Sandor, and Police Chief Al Pizzano, accepted a \$5,000 donation from Care Initiatives – Parkridge Specialty Care to assist with the radio communication purchase and installation at Southeast Polk Community School District Junior & Senior High School.

“Care Initiatives – Parkridge Specialty Care is an important care center within our community, and we are thrilled to receive this generous donation to help get us closer to our goal to start the project,” Mayor Sara Kurovski said. “Once sufficient funds are raised, an interior and exterior antenna system will be purchased and installed within the Southeast Polk Junior and Senior High Schools to facilitate emergency communication. We are truly grateful for Care Initiatives generous donation as this communication system will ensure everyone is kept safe while creating a quality learning environment for students.”

The radio communication system to be installed at the Southeast Polk Junior & Senior High will allow first responders to communicate efficiently during emergencies, without the risk of radio communication failure. Coordinating radio communication in multi-jurisdictions is an essential tool first responders need to appropriately deploy personnel and equipment on scene. Amplifiers will extend radio coverage of the Polk County P25 Trunked Radio System into the Junior and Senior High School buildings, enabling School Resource Police Officers and other first responders to rely on their department issued portable radios to communicate directly with Police, Fire, and Emergency Medical dispatchers, and responding emergency personnel in the event of an emergency.

“Care Initiatives – Parkridge Specialty Care has a long history of supporting projects that benefit communities where we have care centers. When we received a letter asking for assistance with the project, we recognized it immediately as a natural fit and we are very proud to be able to donate towards this project. The installation of this will provide protection for the 4,000 students and staff within Southeast Polk Junior and Senior High Schools, as well as those within our community,” said Care Initiatives Administrator Shawn Mikles.

The communication project will enhance the radio communications technology within the schools at Southeast Polk. The Pleasant Hill Police Department works cooperatively with residents to keep people safe, protect their property, solve problems, and improve quality of life for all. Their services will be delivered professionally and with integrity, but a reliable communications system is essential to ensure the safety of everyone. The project is scheduled to begin early fall, once sufficient funds are raised.

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